

**Department of Historic Resources  
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

**Accomack**

**DHR Id#: 001-0027-0098**

**Resource Identification**

Property Name(s): ..... WFF # N-116 - Inactive Equipment Storage  
Building {Current}  
Property Date: ..... 1954  
Address(s): ..... Fulton Street {Current}  
County/Independent City: Accomack  
Vicinity of: ..... Chincoteague  
State, Zip: ..... Virginia 23337  
USGS Quad Name: ..... CHINCOTEAGUE WEST  
Surrounding area: ..... Rural

**National Register Eligibility Status**  
Property is Historic (50 years or older)

**Resource Description**

Ownership Status: ..... Public - Federal  
Acreage: ..... 0.5

**Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:**

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - Interior stove flue	Aluminum	
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		
Roof	Roof - Gable	Steel	Roof - Original Replaced
Structural System	Structural System - Not Visible		

Site Description: ..... Located in a level, open area adjacent to the north-south runway on the east side of the main base.

**WUZIT Count:**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Industrial Storage	Historic

**NR Resource Count:**

**Individual Resource Information**

WUZIT: ..... Industrial Storage

<u>Est. Date of Construction:</u> ....	1954 {Owner/written data}	<u>Accessed?</u> .....	No	Not accessible
<u>Primary Resource?</u> .....	Yes	<u>Number of Stories:</u> .....	1.0	
<u>Architectural Style:</u> .....	Other	<u>Condition:</u> .....	Good	
<u>Interior Plan Type:</u> .....	Other	<u>Threats to Resource:</u> .....	None Known	

**Description:** This large, rectangular, almost square one-story building consists of four adjoining gable roof sections with a poured concrete slab foundation. The roof and walls of the building are sheathed with modern corrugated steel panels. Each of the four sections is identical, with an aluminum roll top door in the center of the southwest elevation that is flanked by a metal door to the west and a vent opening to the east of the center. Each roll top door has a large graphic number painted in the center. On the northeast elevation, there is a single metal door located in the center of each section with a large, two section metal vent above. In the center of the elevation, there is a small, flat roof addition with a set of metal double doors on the northwest side. The addition has a tall, capped aluminum exhaust pipe that extends above the roof.

**Cemetery Information**

**Bridge Information**

**National Register Eligibility Information**

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*Historic Context(s):* ..... Military/Defense

*Historic Time Period(s):*..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

*Significance Statement:* This structure, built in 1954, has served as a storage building since its construction. It was shown as “N-116” on the 1957 “General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia” by the U.S. Navy. The building is set in a level area adjacent to the major north-south runways, at the end of Fulton Street on the Wallops Flight Facility main base.

This building is an example of a secondary industrial property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1941-present) period and was one of several structures built on CNAAS built in the mid-1950s. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily-research based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station.

The Inactive Equipment Storage Building has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have any archaeological potential..

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource’s integrity of materials, design, and workmanship has been adversely affected by the replacement of the structure’s doors and the introduction of modern corrugated metal panels that cover the walls and roof. Although remaining in its historic location, the structure’s integrity of setting, feeling and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the structure’s historic context.

***Bibliographic Documentation***

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*Reference #: 1*

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map

*Author:* ..... Giffels and Valet

*Citation Abbreviation:* .....

*Notes:* ..... Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

*Reference #: 2*

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map

*Author:* ..... U.S. Navy

*Citation Abbreviation:* .....

*Notes:* ..... "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

*Reference #: 3*

*Bibliographic RecordType:* ..... Map

*Author:* ..... U.S. Navy

*Citation Abbreviation:* .....

*Notes:* ..... "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

**Ownership Information**

**Graphic Media Documentation**

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**Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events**

*CRM Event # 1,*

*Cultural Resource Management Event:* ..... Reconnaissance Survey

*Date:* ..... 2004/07/99

*Organization or Person:* ..... URS Group

*VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event:* .. 2003-0571

*CRM Event Notes or Comments:* ..... 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

*CRM Event # 2,*

*Cultural Resource Management Event:* ..... Reconnaissance Survey

*Date:* ..... 2003/08/08

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Bethesda, MD 20814